received, in the recent past, from the States, U.Ts. of Bihar, Jharkhand, U.P., Uttaranchal, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Mizoram, Nagaland and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(c) The opening of Sainik School is contingent upon the State Government concerned fulfilling all the required conditions for setting up of a Sainik School. No such proposal, meeting all the criteria for opening of a Sainik School, is pending with the Government.

Policy for re-settlement of families of soldiers who died in harness

†324. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new policy for the resettlement of the families of those Jawans/Officers of different wings of Indian armed forces who during the course of discharge of their duties have sacrificed their lives during war or in other circumstances;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of different types of benefits provided to dependents during last two years alongwith the number of such dependents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) **PENSIONARY BENEFITS:**

Families of Defence personnel killed in action are granted liberalised special family pension equal to last pay drawn by the deceased personnel at the time of his death. Pension at this rate is payable to the widow until her death or disqualification.

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

OTHER MONETARY BENEFITS:

Central Government is granting the following ex-gratia amount to the families of Defence personnel killed in action:

(a)	Death occurring during (i) border skirmishes and (ii) against militants, terrorists, etc.	Rs. 7.50 lakhs
(b)	Death occurring during enemy action in international war or such like engagements which are specifically notified by the Ministry of Defence	Rs. 7.50 lakhs w.e.f. 1.8.1997, Rs. 10.00 lakhs w.e.f. 1.5.1999

Families of the Army personnel killed in action also are paid Rs. 8.00 lakhs (in the case of officers) and Rs. 3.75 lakhs (in the case of JCOs/ORs) from the Army Group Insurance Scheme.

The data regarding the number of dependants paid the above benefits is not readily available.

Repair/overhauling facilities of aero-engine for helicopters

325. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether repair/overhaul facilities for aero-engine fitted helicopters are not available;

(b) whether this facility was scheduled for completion by 1992 as the helicopters were introduced in 1985/1986;

(c) if so, the reasons for ten years delay; and

(d) by when these facilities are likely to be available in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Repair/overhaul facilities of helicopter